

GERMANS AND FRENCH SUFFER HEAVILY IN BATTLE FOR ALSACE-LORRAINE

Berlin, via The Hague.—Both the German and French headquarters agree that the one feature standing out in the western theater of war today is the fiercely contested fighting in the Alsace region, with Steinbach as the chief prize. For nearly a week the results at this point have been on a seesaw nature. First one side, then the other, would hold it, and today it is still an unwon prize with the battle in progress. Both sides are bringing up new forces, while those on the ground continue their fighting, which at times is of the hand-to-hand variety.

Paris.—The French continue to make slow but certain gains in Upper Alsace and the chief fighting of the entire campaign in the western theater of war is today in the "lost provinces." Fighting is in progress all along the line from Cerney, ten miles west of Mulhausen, to a point well to the east of Steinbach.

The Germans attempted a counter attack against the French lines west of Cerney but, according to today's official announcement, the offensive was checked and the enemy repulsed.

Petrograd.—The Germans are trying to force the passage of the Bzura river and are sacrificing men by the hundreds in the attempt. Night assaults are the rule, but up to the present time they have failed at every point.

The most severe fighting has been in the neighborhood of Kozloff and Biskoupi where, under cover of darkness, the Germans Saturday night shoved pontoon bridges over the river and started across. Word of the movement had reached the Russian commander, who was in readiness.

Not until the last man of the expedition had landed did the Russians act. Then, while the Germans were being riddled with rapid-firers, their pontoons were put out of commission by heavy field artillery. Not a single

German in the expedition escaped. Those not killed or wounded were taken prisoners.

Constantinople, via Berlin and London.—That Persian and Bulgarian volunteers are operating with the Turkish army was announced at army headquarters today. According to the war office these volunteers already have been responsible for a substantial Turkish victory in a skirmish northeast of Sautsch. In all of the fighting near Sarykamysb the Turks claim signal successes against the Russians.

Russian cruisers again have failed in an attempt to land marines at Jaffa. They were driven off by the fire of the land batteries and several of their cutters demolished.

Amsterdam.—French aviators succeeded in bombarding Etterbeek, German aviation station just outside of Brussels. Destroyed dirigible shed in course of construction there. Killed several German soldiers.

Paris.—Torrential rains which have resulted in floods have placed hostilities almost at a standstill, with the exception of the right wing.

Until the weather changes there can be no general resumption of the fighting. Both sides are utilizing the lull to bring up reinforcements to threatened positions.

In the Vosges and in upper Alsace the fighting continues, with the French making slow but steady gains.

Vienna.—That the Russian invasion of Hungary is checked at least temporarily, is the view of the military experts at headquarters. They declare that although the Russians penetrated the Carpathians at four points they have been checked with heavy losses at the first line of the Hungarian defenses.

German and Austrian troops are again co-operating in the fighting to the northwest of Gorlice. The war